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REMARKS

Claims 10-19, 21-26, and 28 are currently pending in the subject application upon entry of the amendments set forth above. Claims 10 and 22 have been amended for clarification purposes. Claims 1-8, 29, 31-34, and 36-38 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue such canceled claims in a subsequent divisional application. Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of subject matter of claims 10-19, 21-26, and 28 upon entry of the minor amendments to independent claims 10 and 22 in accordance with a telephone conference with Applicants' representative. The claims as set forth above are in condition for allowance and a conclusion to that is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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